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Letter dated 10 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, and further to my letter dated 8 October 2008 (S/2008/641), I have the honour to transmit to you the following:

(a) An information note from the Communications Unit of the Amani Programme (see annex I);

(b) A series of photographs providing irrefutable proof of Rwanda's involvement in the recent clashes in North Kivu (see annex II).

My Government reiterates the content of its letter of 8 October 2008, and insists that this renewed act of aggression by Rwanda should be strongly condemned.

I would particularly draw the attention of the Security Council to the seized shovels shown in the photographs. They have all the hallmarks of those used by the Rwandan contingent of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur.

We would recall that the Rwandan contingent in Darfur is led by General Karake Karenzi. My Government wishes to point out that this individual, at the time a colonel in the Armée patriotique rwandaise (APR), led the operations of the Rwandan army in Manono (North Katanga) in 1999, at a time of large-scale massacres and serious human rights violations.

Moreover, the same individual was in command of the APR forces on 5 June 2000 in Kisangani, where Rwandan and Ugandan forces clashed, destroying half of the town and drawing the condemnation of the Security Council, which reacted as follows in its resolution 1304 (2000): "demands that Ugandan and Rwandan forces as well as forces of the Congolese armed opposition and other armed groups immediately and completely withdraw from Kisangani, and calls on all parties to the Ceasefire Agreement to respect the demilitarization of the city and its environs".

For the sake of the prestige and good reputation of peacekeeping operations, my Government in addition requests the Security Council to act to bring an end to the scandalous presence of a war criminal in a peacekeeping operation.

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My Government invites the Security Council to take action on this request and would be grateful if you could arrange for the present letter and its annexes to be circulated as a document of the Council.

(*Signed*) Atoki **Ileka**
Ambassador

Annex I to the letter dated 10 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Information note from the Amani Programme Communications Unit

The Armed Forces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo put on display proof of the presence of Rwandan troops in Rumangabo

Following the fighting in Rumangabo, North Kivu, last Tuesday, 7 October, the Armed Forces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (FARDC) seized a number of military items belonging to the Rwandan army.

According to Colonel Delphin Kahimbi, deputy operations commander of the eighth military district, the items consist of documents, identity papers, weapons, Rwandan franc banknotes found on dead bodies, campaign equipment and personal equipment belonging to the Rwandan army.

In the presence of the governor of North Kivu and the national coordinator of the Amani Programme, Colonel Kahimbi explained that the items found in the theatre of operations prove irrefutably that Rwandan troops were involved, alongside elements of the National Congress for the Defence of the People (CNDP). The items, recognizable through containing writing in English and Kinyarwanda, also made clear their Rwandan origin, the units from which the troops came and even included the mission orders of the soldiers on the battlefield.

Documentary proof included health insurance cards issued by the Rwandan Ministry of Defence; mission orders for members of the Rwandan special forces battalion, carrying authentic stamps; Rwandan army firing registers; a firing panel for 60-millimetre mortars intended for the operation in Rumangabo; electric detonators for sabotaging infrastructure, and heavy weapons training record booklets, all recovered after the withdrawal of Rwandan army troops from Rumangabo.

Some of the weaponry used by the attackers, including some R4 and AK-47 rifles, grenades and munitions never used by the FARDC, was also shown to the press this Friday in Goma.

Some campaign equipment, mainly military shovels used in Darfur (Southern Sudan), was uncovered in the batch of items found on the dead soldiers or those who had left Rumangabo.

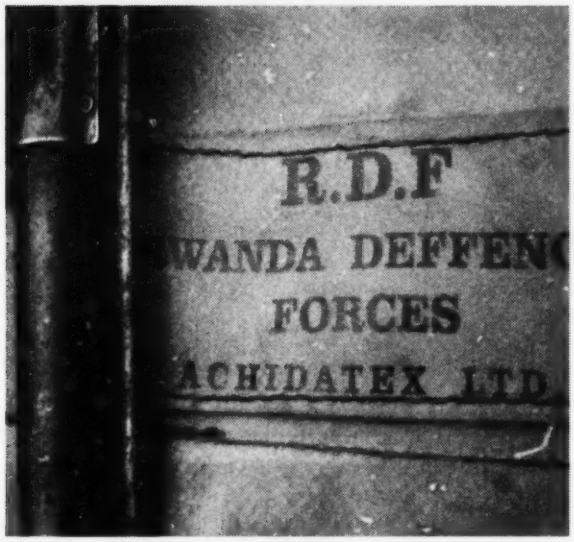
Among the items of personal equipment displayed to the press by the colonel in charge of operations for the eighth military district, just returned from the front in Rumangabo, were rocket carriers (military bags) marked RDF (Rwanda Defence Forces), complete RDF uniforms, jackets, waterproofs with labels saying Darfur, caps, belts and military mess tins and water bottles.

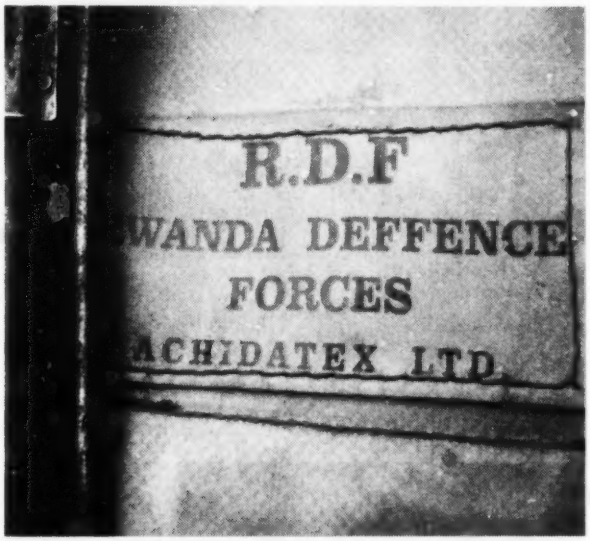
Colonel Kahimbi said that all of these were proof that the Congolese army had been fighting the Rwandan army, adding that inhabitants confirmed that they had seen columns of Rwandan soldiers with sophisticated weaponry advancing to back up forces of Laurent Nkunda's CNDP.

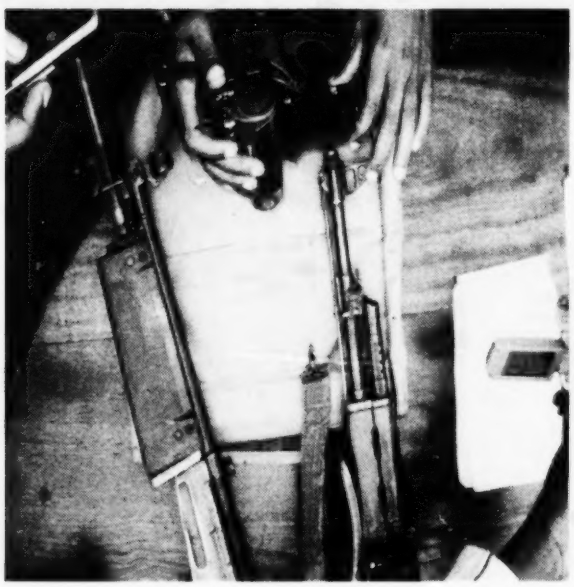
The governor of North Kivu said that this proof, which tallies with the view of the United Nations Security Council regarding the involvement of the Rwandan army in the fighting in the province of North Kivu, should be brought to the attention of all Congolese so that truth can replace rumour.

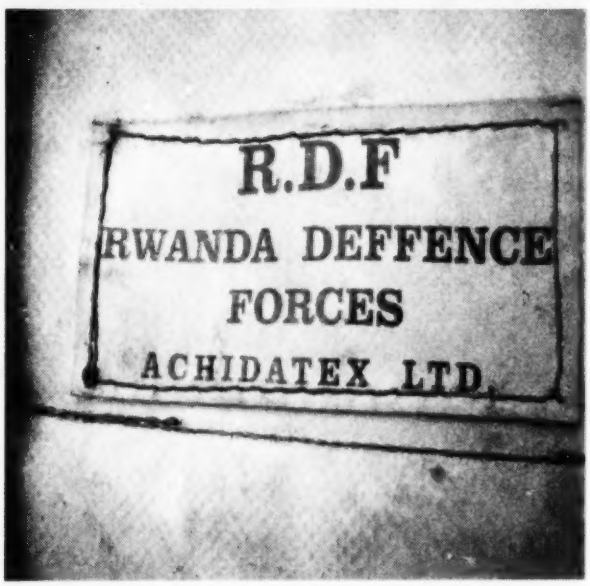
Annex II to the letter dated 10 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

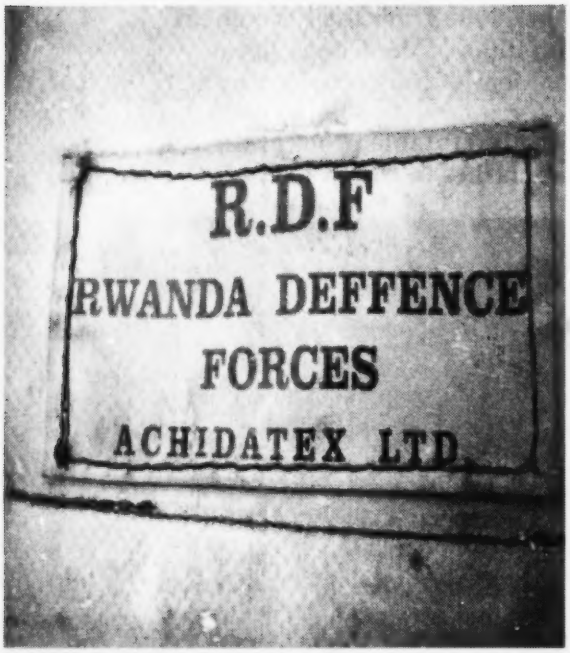
A new series of photographs providing irrefutable proof of the involvement of Rwanda in the recent clashes in North Kivu







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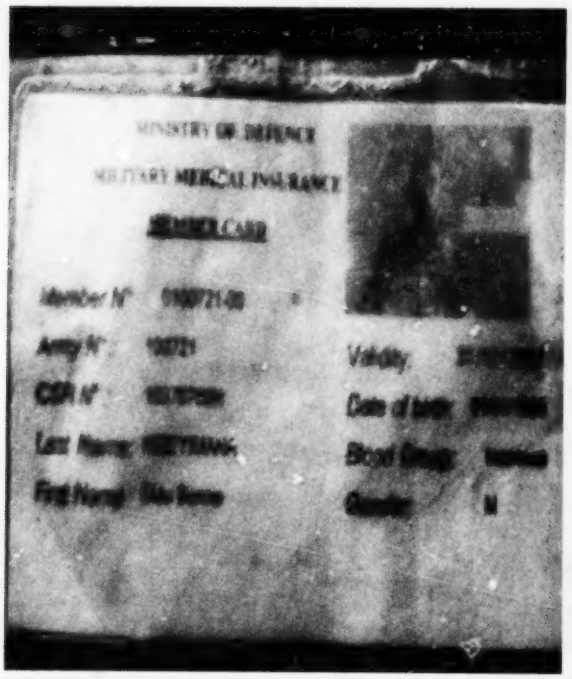
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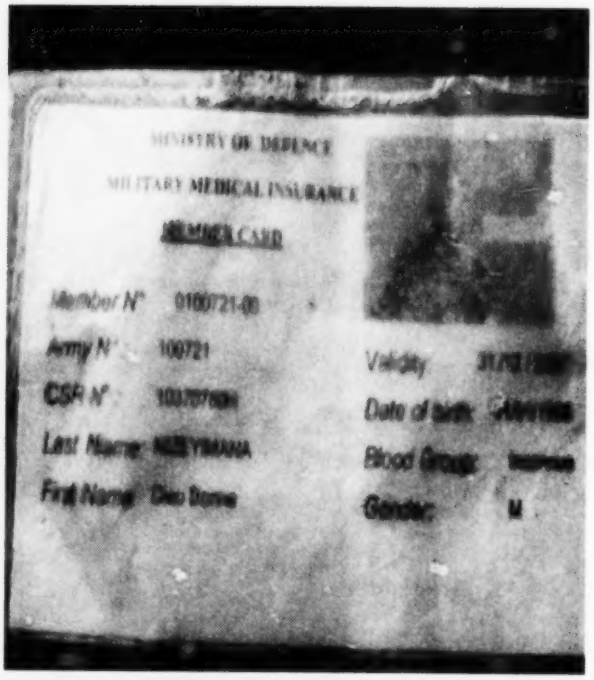
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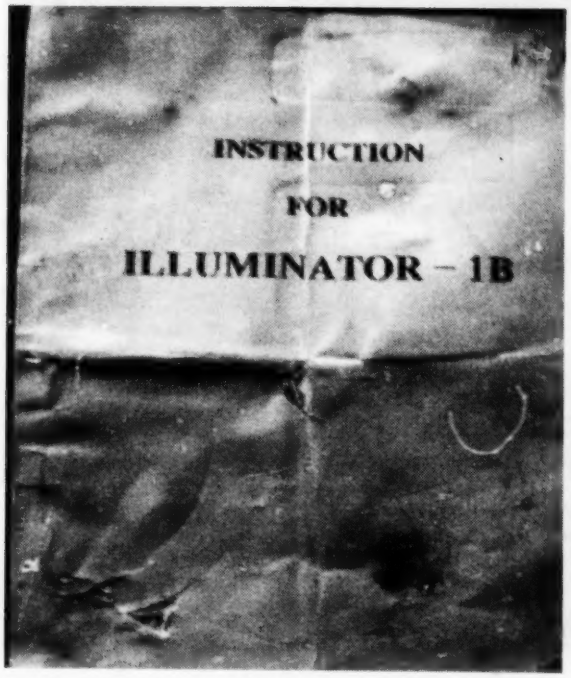
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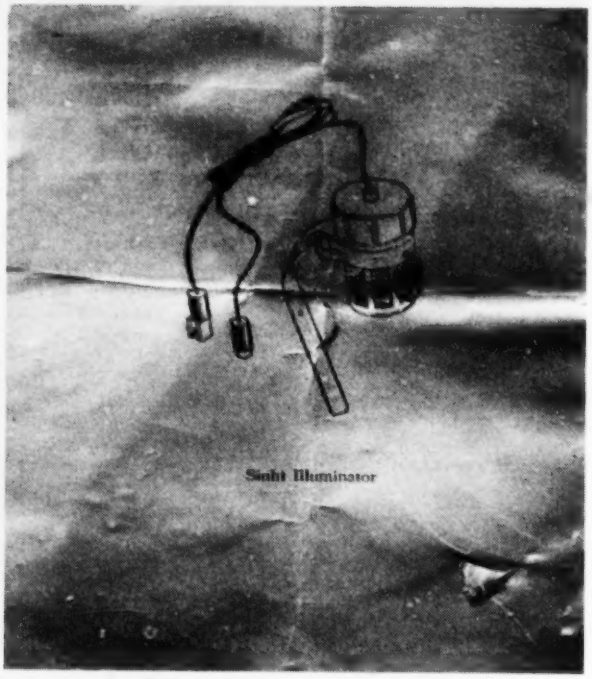
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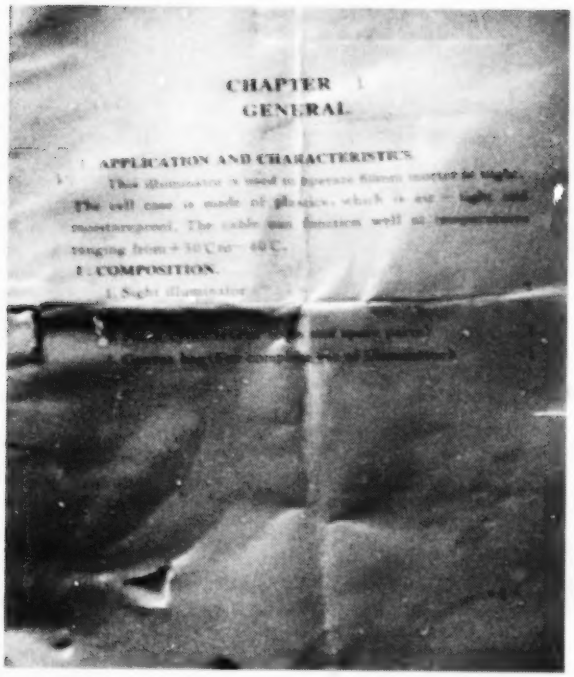
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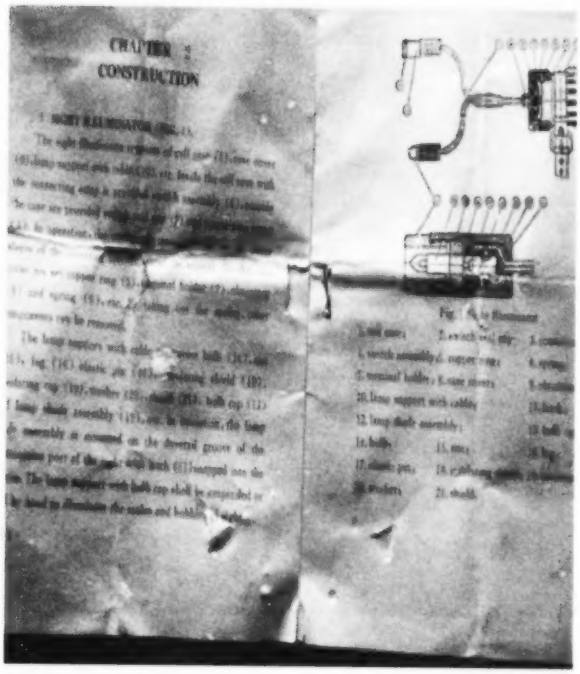
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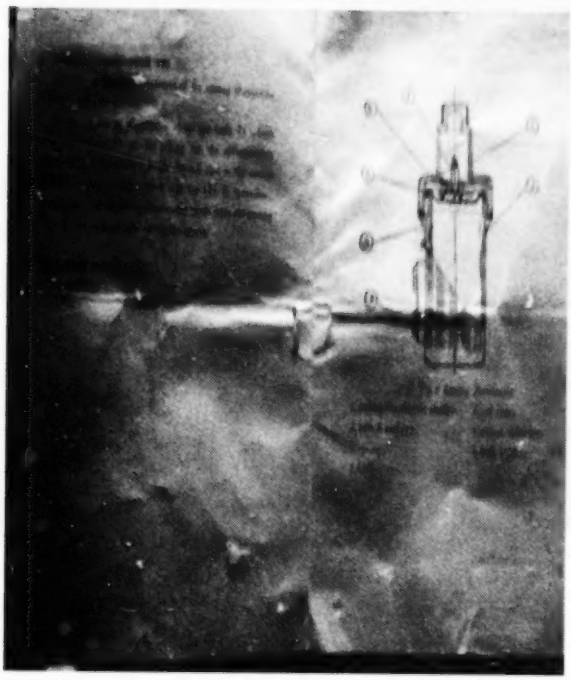

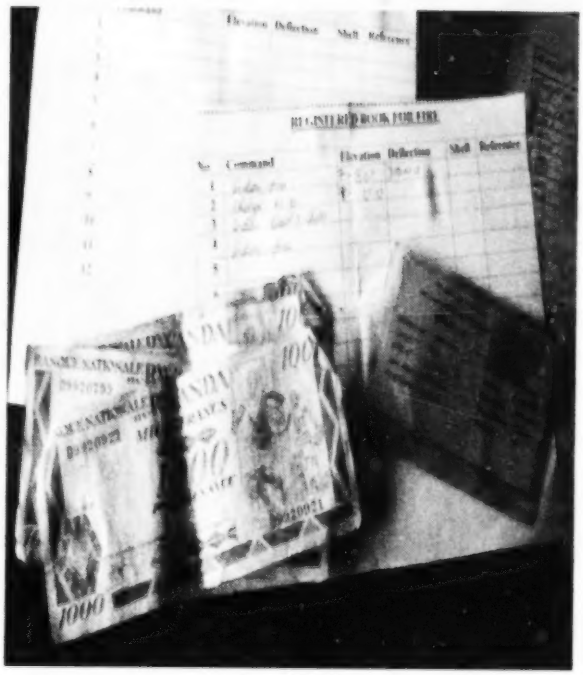

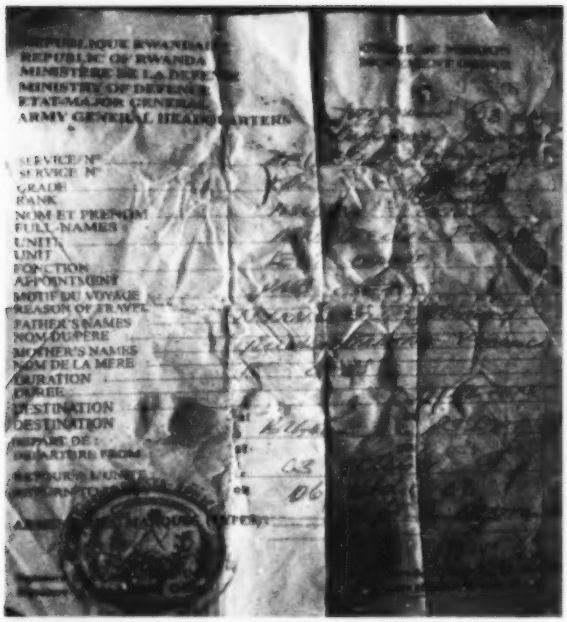
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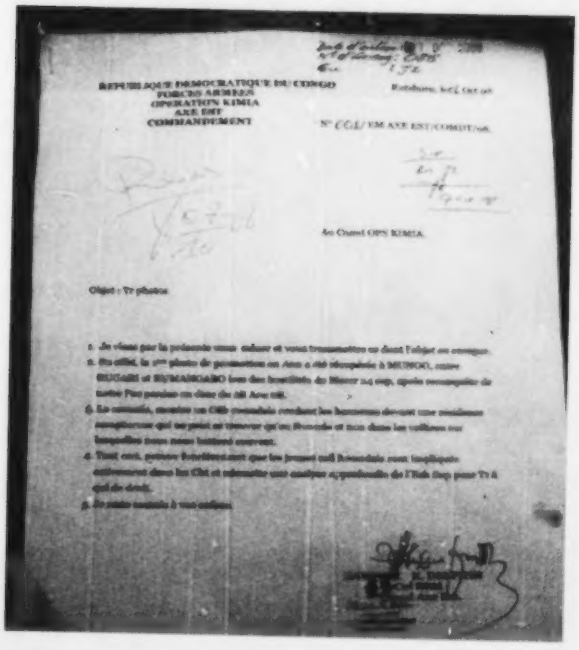

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